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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 7, 2017

**TO:** Local School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors  
Consolidated Application Main Contacts  
Local District Foster Care Liaisons

**FROM:** Michael W. Radke, Ph.D.   
Director, Office of Field Services (OFS)

**SUBJECT:** Foster Care Assurance Statement in 2017-18 Consolidated Application

A required assurance statement has been added in the Assurances and Certifications page of the 2017-18 Consolidated Application in the Michigan Electronic Grants Systems *Plus* (MEGS+) addressing foster care provisions.

Please review the following assurance to comply with required foster care provisions for school stability:

"The local educational agency (LEA) ensures that children in foster care promptly receive transportation, as necessary, to and from their schools of origin when in their best interest under section 1112(c)(5)(B) of ESSA."

For your information, the Michigan Department of Education will ensure that an LEA receiving funds under Title I, Part A of ESSA, will collaborate with State and local child welfare agencies to develop and implement clear written procedures that describe:

- (A) How the requirements of section 1112(c)(5)(B) of the ESEA as amended by ESSA will be met in the event of a dispute over which agency or agencies will pay any additional costs incurred in providing transportation; and
- (B) Which agency or agencies will initially pay the additional costs so that transportation is provided promptly during the pendency of the dispute.

Additional information regarding ESSA requirements for ensuring the stability of students in foster care may be found on the [OFS website](#).

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